

WEATHER for Kentucky
Thursday, fair.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Russia still has the whole world guessing.

Indications are strong that Russia is about to be Mexicanized.

Indians on the reservation in Wisconsin have offered their lumber plants to the government, and themselves as soldiers.

While the letter postage is being put up on common folks why not stop the franking privilege to Congressmen?—Etown News

Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of Secretary McAdoo, was married Tuesday to Ferdinand Mohrenschildt, of the Russian embassy staff, thus the Russian mission has a new member.

When the amendment prohibiting the use of grain in the manufacture of intoxicants was brought up in the Senate, Senator James voted to strike out and Senator Beckham to retain.

Bucket shop men are in a panic over the evident determination of Congress to curb their gambling in foodstuffs, which found voice in Senator Thomas' demand for the closing of all exchanges where foodstuffs are speculated in. A hurried conference is being held in Chicago.

The sixth Zeppelin to meet with destruction by the British and French since the war began has been accounted for by British naval forces in the North sea. The airship, the L-22 was completely destroyed and it is believed that most of the crew perished.

A paper in Rome prints a report from diplomatic quarters that Turkey has made overtures to Russia, through a neutral source, for a separate peace on the basis of the complete opening of the straits to Russian navigation both for war vessels and merchant ships. Turkish agents, according to official information reaching London on May 9, are at work in Switzerland with the object of assuring the continued existence of Turkey. It has been said that Turkey, provided she is permitted to hold Constantinople, is willing to allow complete freedom of the Dardanelles.

Practically the entire quota of 5,200 men were at Ft. Benjamin Harrison Monday ready to start on the three months course of training for officers of the United States army. In addition to the 5,200 men who were summoned to the fort, Col. Edward F. Glenn, in command of the training camp, announced that the applications of 4,238 others had been approved. It was said some of these may get in on the first camp if any of those enrolled at present drop out before the end of three weeks. Orders were received at the fort to erect additional barracks for three regiments, 600 officers, and ambulance corps and a hospital company. The work is to be started immediately. Word came that some of Hopkinsville's contingent of 12 young men had been put to work building barracks Monday as their first military experience.

The Government's plan of food control legislation is certain to be passed by Congress. Government officials believe the most effective ways of preventing rising food prices is to pool buying interests and stop competitive purchasing by the allies. In this way it is believed markets will stabilize themselves and that with minimum price fixing in force, producers will exert themselves to increase the food output. Maximum price fixing plans as explained by Secretary Houston do not contemplate a maximum price on staples generally, but application of the principle only when it appears a food corner is in sight. In this way the agriculture department believes price manipulation could be controlled in an effectual manner. The department believes it will be possible when the food control bills are passed to stop all food speculation for profit and still leave the market open for the buying of legitimate futures.

STOP FOOD GAMBLING

Congress of Grain Boards Extends Ban on Wheat Futures Buying Indefinitely.

WHEAT DROPS TO \$2.42

Exchanges Are Ready to Take Same Action on Corn and Oats.

Chicago, May 16.—Action, which it was said, will remove the element of speculation from the grain market and which it is believed, will forestall any steps by the federal government, was taken Tuesday at a meeting of representatives of the primary grain exchange of the country. It was accomplished by fixing a maximum price for wheat futures, at or under which sales may be made, but no buying will be permitted except to close out accounts. No trading in May options of wheat, corn or oats is permitted except to close deals.

The same principle is extended to July and Sept. oats and corn in principle, but action was not taken as it was held unnecessary at this time. The delegates simply agreed to extend the embargo if necessity arises. Grain prices were lower. Heavy shrinkage followed in wheat, at one time as much as 19 cents a bushel, owing to the prospect which at last became a fixed fact that established limits on high prices would continue indefinitely and that all new buying of wheat futures was at an end. The market closed unsettled, 7 to 17c net lower, with July at \$2.42 and Sept. at \$2.20 to 2.21. Other leading staples too, showed a decided setback, corn 24 to 25c; oats 2 to 3c and provisions 7 to 25c.

HOPKINSVILLE HAS THIRTEEN

Of Its Young Men In the Training Camp at Indianapolis.

Three more Hopkinsville young men have been accepted at Fort Benjamin Harrison training camp for the officers' reserve corps.

Henry L. Bass was not in the list of the first call for nine to report Monday, but he boarded a train and went anyhow and not only secured admission for himself, but also cleared the way for his friend, Herschel A. Long. The latter left Monday in response to a telegram to come ahead.

Ellis Melton, brother of E. S. Melton, of the Singer Sewing Machine Agency, had been accepted but not called and on Monday night he too went in person to see why and wired his brother Tuesday that he had been admitted all right.

These three added to the nine previously reported, make twelve Hopkinsville boys working for shoulder straps in the camp at Indianapolis.

To this list should also be added John T. E. Stites, a Hopkinsville boy who went from Paducah.

Before the summer is over Hopkinsville will have not less than 20 there. They will be given their board and \$100 a month while training and army pay when commissioned.

Rev. M. E. Pate, 77, retired Methodist minister, died at Madisonville, Sunday.

Bully For Bullecourt.

The British troops have established themselves in the village of Bullecourt, the scene of terrific fighting during the last few days, according to the official report from British headquarters in France. Fighting still continues. The British have captured an important German trench of about two-thirds of a mile astride the Arras-Cambrai road, as well as German positions over a front of one and a half miles near Roex.

FORTY-EIGHT GRADUATES

Who Will Finish From the Local High School Next Month.

BARRING UNFORESEEN

Seventeen Are Boys and Thirty-one Are Young Ladies.

Only a little more than three weeks of school left and everything possible is being done to get ready for the commencement exercises.

Miss Julia Arnold and Prof. E. N. Mallory are practicing every day with the chorus class and hope to have the best music ever heard at a local commencement. The students are making every effort to get ready for the final examinations and the Senior class is working hard on the class day program, which promises to be the best ever.

The High School is proud of its graduating class for in it are some of the most gentlemanly young men and most ladylike young women to be found anywhere and they would be a credit to any institution.

Following is a list of the graduating class:

Boys—Joe Altsheler, William Baker, Robert Brown, Malcolm Gossett, John Hanbery, Dawson, Ky.; Preston Haynes, Howell, Ky.; Wallace Henderson, James Higgins, Karl Higen, Lucien Johnson, Wm. Littlefield, Howell, Ky.; James Stites, Sam Torian, Wm. Trahern, Brown Wadlington, Lambert Campbell.

Girls—Mary Anderson, Elizabeth Cayce, Lilly Claggett, Ernestine Cornelius, Cecil Dalton, Dorothy Eckles, Nellie Gray, Anna Nelson Green, Mary Nevelle Hancock, Ibel Harned, Vivian Hemphill, Wetumka, Okla.; Ruth Major, Irene Morris, Bessie Rawls, Cerulean, Ky.; Flora Rawls, Cerulean, Ky.; Hazel Reeder, Margaret Rives, Lullie Steger, Ruth Stephens, Mary Virginia Stephens, Adele Taylor, Mary Joe Wallace, Cerulean, Nellie McCullom, Karlene Robinson.

Commercial—Herbert Shanklin, Hattie Hawkins, Lennie Dew, Bessie Walker, Louise Hayes, Alice Curtis, Beulah Boyd, Margaret Steele.

BETHEL'S NEW PRESIDENT.



PROF. B. F. GABBY.

Graduate of the Maysville, Kentucky, High School and valedictorian of the class; A. B. of Georgetown College, Kentucky; took graduate work in the M. A. History and Literature in the University of Virginia, and completed a year's Ph. D. work in the University of Virginia; took the Teachers' Course in the National Normal of Ohio; took graduate work in the Chicago University; has a Kentucky State Certificate with an average of 98 per cent.

Was Supt. of the City School of Carrollton, Ky., for six years, Supt. of the City Schools of Springfield, Ky., Principal of the Hickman College, Hickman, Ky., for eleven years.

Was co-president Hall-Moody College, Martin, Tenn., 1916-17 and was elected President for the ensuing year, but declined to accept the presidency of Bethel Woman's College.

BRITISH IN FIERCE RUSHES

Germans Fail in 3 or 4 Attacks on British at Bullecourt.

TEUTON LOSS WAS HEAVY

Attacks on the English and French Lines Was Not General Offensive.

Around Bullecourt the intensive fighting which has been going on for more than a week continues unabated, the Germans throwing assault after assault against the British. Tuesday four of these were launched, the Germans losing in all of them except the last, when their troops drove back the British in the Western portion of the village for a distance of about 100 yards. In all the attacks the German casualties were extremely heavy, in one of them about 250 dead and wounded having been left inside the British lines.

Along the front held by the French artillery actions prevailed throughout Tuesday, the Germans failing to follow up their infantry attacks of Monday, in which the French war office says they suffered heavy losses.

The Italians have assumed the offensive after the Austrians in the Isonzo region along a front of nearly 25 miles. Following extremely heavy bombardments the Italians loosed their infantry in front attacks and made considerable progress at various points, according to the Italian official communication. The battle is still raging.

Another success by the Venezolians troops in Macedonia is recorded by Paris, two works extending over fronts of more than 1,500 yards having been captured and held in the face of counter attacks.

WORKING RAW MATERIAL

Into Military Condition Is Lieut. Clark's Daily Task.

Those pacifists who cry against the boys joining the army and who preach against all military preparation should have been in this city in the last few days. They should have seen the raw recruits, from every walk of life, from the city boy to the plow boy, as they appeared last week, and as they appear now.

When the boys first came here they knew nothing about how to hold themselves erect; they could not keep step, and in truth were the rawest of raw recruits. But now it is all different. Lieutenant Alvan Clark has taken charge of the bunch of 48 and every day, morning and evening, marches them out to Virginia Park and gives them setting-up exercises. Besides getting the boys perfect physically, this teaches them to keep time and helps them to make them into one great unit.

At first sore muscles were the order of the day, but now this is passing and all are rounding into shape. Yesterday morning the boys were put through a strenuous workout at the park and then placed under command of one of the best drilled of the men and marched off down Campbell street. As they went down the street they kept perfect time, held themselves erect, straighter than they had ever been before, and the Lieutenant turned and said to one of his friends, "They are as fine a bunch as I ever had anything to do with." But Lieut. Clark shouldn't be so modest. He should take some of the credit to himself.

The O. G. Sprouse Co, Springfield, Tenn., is opening a store in Pembroke.

Warren county wants 10,000 straw-berries pickers.

The Elkton Training School has added military training.

HOLLWEG REFUSES

Demands That He Define Germany's Conditions—Are Defied Point-Blank.

DEFIANCE TO PARTIES

Chancellor Declares He Will Be Swayed By the Pressure of No Party.

Berlin, May 16.—The socialist leader, George Ledebour, declared in the reichstag Tuesday that it was impossible for Germany to win a war of subjugation and expressed the conviction that a revolution must happen in Germany, as it had happened in Russia.

"We shall propose a constitutional committee," he said, "to take preparatory steps in the direction of introducing a republic in Germany."

In one of the most vigorous and plain-spoken speeches he has yet made before the reichstag since the outbreak of the war, the imperial German chancellor bluntly refused to enter into a discussion of Germany's peace aims as demanded in interpellations by the conservatives and socialists. Von Bethmann-Hollweg asserted that these called for the government's specific peace program, the announcement of which would, at the present time, not only be premature, but which it would be difficult to formulate and would be of no practical service to the nation in the present situation.

While appreciating the passionate desire of all classes to know the government's wishes, the chancellor plainly declared that he would not permit himself to be swayed by pressure from any source, and that he was not under the spell of any party or clique. The best interests of the nation, he believed, demanded that the reticence he had imposed upon himself in the face of continuous clamor since December, 1915, should be observed by him until the moment was ripe.

Y. M. C. A. SOLD FOR \$10,525

Unfinished Building Finally Disposed of At Auction.

At 11 o'clock Tuesday morning the Y. M. C. A. building on Ninth street was sold. The sale took place at the courthouse door and A. S. Tribble acted as auctioneer. A good crowd was on hand and bidding was spirited until the price reached was \$10,525. After vainly trying to get more, the auctioneer knocked off the property to W. R. Brumfield for \$10,525.

This is one of the most valuable pieces of real estate in the business section of the city. The building was erected during the first days of block concrete erection, and the opinion has been that the place was unsafe for a gymnasium but apparently it is as good as when first built. The building was erected at a cost of \$15,000 and later sold for \$14,000, but this sale did not stand, and the sale Tuesday was the first bona-fide sale of the property. The house has a basement and two stories but is incomplete. For ten years or more it has been rented to pay for its up-keep and for the temporary work done to make it fit for occupancy. Its proceeds will have to be reinvested or returned to the stockholders.

Gompers Protests.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, appealed to organized labor to protest against the proposed increase in second-class postal rates and other provisions of the War Revenue Bill which he declared threaten the maintenance of a free press.

TO REMODEL CITY BANK

Present Quarters To Be Doubled and Building Greatly Improved.

WILL START WORK SOON

And The New Building Will Be Completed By Fall.

Hopkinsville has long been noted for the beauty and superiority of its bank buildings. There has been more or less rivalry between the four banks in the modernizing of their buildings. The City Bank is preparing to have the last word in bank buildings. Its quarters on the corner of Main and Seventh street have been outgrown and some time ago the bank bought the storeroom on the north side and now owns a frontage of 44 feet on Main street. John T. Waller, the architect, is now preparing plans for a remodeled building to take in both rooms, doubling the bank's floor space. The present fronts of both rooms will be torn out and a handsome new stone front will be put in. New vaults will be built in the room to be added and the elegant furnishings in the present bank will even be excelled in the new building.

When completed, the bank will be one of the best in Kentucky in all of its appointments.

The stairway, now on the Seventh street side, will be moved to Main and the second story will be filled up with offices for professional men, the whole floor 44 by 100 feet being devoted to this purpose.

The officers of the City Bank, long recognized as one of the most prosperous banking institutions in Kentucky, are W. T. Tandy, President; John B. Trice, Vice-President; Ira L. Smith, Cashier, and J. A. Browning, Jr., Assistant Cashier.

The work under contemplation is to be started in the near future and completed during the summer, without interference with the business of the bank.

STRAWBERRIES NOW READY

Home Crop Is Already Appearing On the Local Market.

At the Fife Benefit Concert Monday night Rev. F. F. Walters, of the Ninth Street Christian church, announced that the Pembroke Strawberry Association wanted berry pickers and that on Saturday he would go with a crowd of boys and girls to Pembroke to pick berries. The announcement that pickers were wanted was the first notice that many of the local people had that the berry season was at hand.

The year has been favorable to berry growing, but for some seasons not known, the prospect this season is not as good as at this time last year insofar as the earliest kinds of berries are concerned. The Aroma berries, the mainstay of the Association, will be ripe in another week. The berries ready for sale at present are the earliest kind. With continued good weather the crop of Aroma berries will be as good as ever this year.

Bank Cashier Killed

Pittsburg, May 14.—Assistant Cashier Frank Erbet was killed and Cashier D. L. McClain probably fatally wounded when two men attempted to rob the First National Bank at Castle Shannon, a suburb, near here today. Two pedestrians who attempted to stop the robbers were wounded. Posses in automobiles pursued and killed one robber and wounded another.